



# Flathead County Emergency Medical Services Administrative Board

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Special Workshop Meeting

## Members Present

Wayne Miller, MD  
Fran Laukaitis for Velinda Stevens  
Jason Spring  
Myrt Webb  
Bob Kun

## Others Present

Mark Peck  
Tim Soule  
Mary Granger  
Tom Kennelly  
Kris Long  
Dan Diehl  
Cody Westgard  
Amanda Lindgren  
Rob Bates, MD

## Called to Order

Work shop was called to order by Dr. Miller at 2pm.

Dr. Miller asked the Boards' permission to change the order of the Agenda and the Board agreed.

## Receive and Discuss Unit Response Statistics

Graphs and charts were distributed.

The County has 24 transport units available.... 23 ground units and 1 rotor unit.

Tim Soule explained a concern: redundant resources dispatched to a single event.

There was discussion over which units were transport vs. non-transport and which units have a 24 hour response.

There was discussion addressing the need for new boundary maps. The Advisory Committee and (GIS) will address the ALS vs. BLS response areas.

## Received and discussed Ad Hoc Committee's report on levy fund allocation recommendations

The preliminary plan is to amend the prior allocation formula to include: population, type of service, and run volumes.

Soule proposed half the initial allocation using the past allocation formula and adding West Side Ambulance.

Soule explained: The process of gathering information is flawed. There is a need for better technology to extract more accurate information. Spring agreed. Kun stated there is a need for more information before a new allocation formula can be proposed.

There was discussion regarding the legalities of monies allocated to a for-profit agency (West Side Ambulance). Soule will look into this with the county attorney.

Webb asked that allocation requests be made by each unit that includes what the money will be spent on and how it will improve patient care.

The Ad Hoc Committee will request information needed for the allocation formula from the Advisory Committee.

Public Comment

Diehl (KFD): Did not recall an interim allocation solution from the Advisory Committee. Diehl is concerned that response areas are increasing and funding is decreasing. Diehl stated that without allocation above last year's amount, the level of service provided by KFD may decrease.

Kennelly (WFD): Explained Diehl may have been absent but the discussion to "use the prior allocation formula for the interim" was made by the prior Advisory Committee workgroup.

Peck (OES): Recalled the recommendation to allocate partial funds from the Advisory Committee workgroup but was not sure what process was decided upon.

Granger (LSQRU): Agreed with taking the allocation formula process slowly to ensure equitable distribution of resources.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30p.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Lundgren